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## ADVERSE DECISION MEANS BLOODSHED

Squatters Do Not Propose to Leave Their Homes on "Maybrick" Lands, Even at Behest of Supreme Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Lexington, Ky., April 2.—There is now pending before the Supreme Court of the United States a case that is of widespread interest all over this country, at least, because of the tremendous interests involved, and because of the great amount of litigation which has already been entailed because of these interests. It involves a claim by the Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation, owned and controlled by New York capitalists, that they were the rightful owners by purchase of old Virginia land grants to portions of four counties in Eastern Kentucky comprising 225,000 acres of the finest coal and timber land in the Kentucky mountains, valued at \$125,000,000, and which was finally decided two years ago in favor of the "squatters" who were in possession of the land, by two Kentucky judges.

Mrs. Florence Maybrick, the American woman who was confined in an English prison for fifteen years for the alleged murder of her husband, was one of the principal claimants to the land several years ago, before the murder of her husband.

The story of the old Virginia land grants reads like a romance. The grants were originally given April 17, 1787, and February 16, 1787. The grants were given to people who then resided upon them, and were twenty-two in number. Each tract is separately described as lying in the "then county of Bourbon (later State of Kentucky), now in the counties of Pike, Letcher, Harlan and Martin, on the waters of the Big Sandy River." Several years ago the Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation was formed in New York to buy up the claims of the people who sold the lands under the old Virginia grants, instead of the people who lived on the lands. The company sent representatives through every State in the Union and to several foreign countries to discover the holders of these land patents, with instructions to buy them all. Only a few deeds are on file in Pike county, the most important county in the affected district. This deed was from Jane A. Kingsley and others, heirs-at-law of William H. Kingsley, deceased, of the State of Connecticut, containing 650,000 acres, excepting 300,000 acres granted to James Swan, of Massachusetts. This deed was granted in 1805.

The most important deed of them all, and one of which has international interest, is that filed on August 7, 1889, by Caroline E. von Roques and her husband, Baron Adolph von Roques, and Mrs. Florence Maybrick to Harrison E. Groom, of Lexington, Ky. These lands had been decided on July 15, 1878, by Samuel Allison, of Philadelphia, to Darius B. Holbrook, in 1850 by James Swan, of Massachusetts, 2,552,000 acres of land lying in Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky. Darius Holbrook was at that time a resident of Illinois, but later removed to New York City, where he died many years ago. His wife was Miss Elizabeth Thirion, of Alabama. They had one child, a daughter, Caroline, who married William Chandler. As a result of this union a daughter,

Florence (Mrs. Maybrick) was born. Chandler died, and the widow, when crossing the Atlantic Ocean some time later, met Baron Adolph von Roques, formerly an officer in the German Imperial Army, whom she married. They resided in France, but when the deed was executed to Harrison B. Groom they were living apart, the baron being in Vienna, and the baroness in Liverpool, England, with her daughter Florence, who had in the meantime married the wealthy Englishman, Maybrick. It was not long after this that Maybrick died, and shortly afterwards his widow was tried before Sir James Fitz Stephens on the charge of poisoning her husband.

After Mrs. Maybrick's release from the English prison she returned to America, and suits are now pending in the courts of Virginia instituted by her to set aside the conveyances of the land mentioned to Groom. Mrs. Maybrick has visited this city more than once since her return to America in search of a serial to all her investigation, Groom being a resident of this city at the time the deed was conveyed.

Groom, however, in the meantime has conveyed a part of the land to David W. Armstrong and Lewis Roberts, both of New York City, and these Americans, and suits are now pending in the courts of Virginia instituted by her to set aside the conveyances of the land mentioned to Groom. Mrs. Maybrick has visited this city more than once since her return to America in search of a serial to all her investigation, Groom being a resident of this city at the time the deed was conveyed.

A conveyance to Robert Morris, of Philadelphia, of 500,000 acres is also recorded. Morris spent a large sum of money in aiding the Colonists to fight the British in the Revolutionary War, and Virginia granted him the half-million acres in 1795 to partially reimburse him for the money he had spent as a patriot.

The Virginia patentees never settled upon their lands. Many died, and their claims were forgotten. When the Eastern Kentucky Coal Lands Corporation brought suit for the possession of the lands granted so many years ago by Virginia they sent to Kentucky two former sons of Kentucky—John G. Carlisle, former Secretary of the Treasury under President Cleveland, and General John Hendrick, formerly Attorney-General for the State. These men went into the mountains and worked hard for their employers. Mountaineers, who lived on the lands to which the Easterners sought to establish a right, threatened them both with death, but they went ahead with the work.

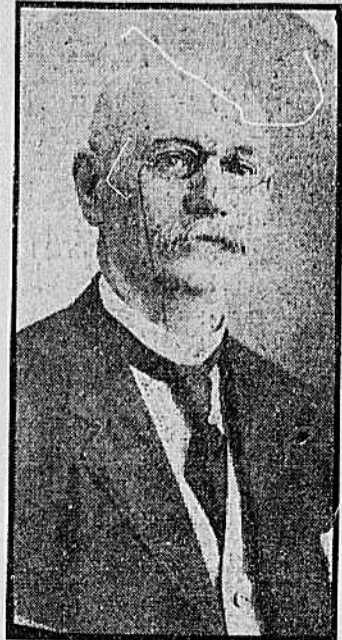
Two years ago the cases were called for trial at Prestonsburg, Floyd county, Ky., and at Pikeville, Pike county. At Prestonsburg armed mountaineers filled the courtroom. John G. Carlisle smiled and waited. "Jack" Hendrick made an address.

"We will kill you if you decide against us," was the message that the trial judge got as he went upon the bench. As soon as the speech-making was at an end the judge decided in favor of the mountaineers who had long occupied the lands. The mountaineers cheered him. The next hearing was held at Pikeville. Armed mountaineers marched up and down the streets with banners inscribed, "Down with the land grabbers." When the hearing was called that judge, too, decided against the New York cor-

poration. Then they carried the case to the Supreme Court.

Leading men from that section say that if the Supreme Court decides against the people now occupying the lands it will mean bloodshed when attempts are made to force them to give up the property, which had been occupied by their ancestors for a hundred years. There are several thousand of these "squatters" in the three States, and they threaten vengeance if they lose in the highest court.

### Clerk of Court



A. E. Kellam has been clerk of the court of Princess Anne county for eighteen years. Mr. Kellam came to that county from Northampton county when he was a child. He has taken an active part in political and church affairs, and for many years has taken the lead in all that would uphold that section. He has been a delegate to the Methodist Annual Conference every year since 1887 with the exception of two. He was a delegate to the Methodist General Conference which met in Baltimore in 1898.

Politically he is an independent, and does not hesitate to vote for the best man, be he Republican or Democrat. He takes an active part in politics for the interests of his State and county. Mr. Kellam is the leader of the laymen's movement for the Norfolk district and has been very active in this particular line.

Mr. Kellam is noted perhaps as much for his charity as he is for his success in the business world, and many a home is made glad because of his bounty. Perhaps to no man does the county owe more than to him, for he has been active in its upbuilding and is progressive on all lines which make for the good of its citizens.

### WILL MEET AT COURTLAND.

Program for Southampton Teachers' Institute on April 8.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Yor, Va., April 2.—The Southampton Teachers' Institute will meet at Courtland, Va., April 8, at 10:30 o'clock. The program for the day is:

"Results to Be Obtained from School Literary Societies," W. C. Varner, Iver; Miss Mazie Stainback, Maury; Miss Lizzie Gillette, Capron; "Promotion and Graduation," J. C. Gwynn, Newsoms; Miss Martha Reese, Sebrell; Miss Katherine Weston, Yorkins; "Story Telling in the Primary Grades," Miss Lizzie Williams, Sedley; Miss Elsie Davis, Franklin; Miss May Cooper, Drewryville.

Debate: "Resolved, That Athletics Prove an Advantage to the Public School." Affirmative—W. H. Haislip, Sedley; L. A. Towler, Franklin. Negative—R. M. DeShazo, Burdette; B. B. Vinson, Branchville.

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## EDUCATORS WILL GO TO CONFERENCE

Party From North Carolina to Attend Meetings at Little Rock.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
Durham, N. C., April 2.—The Southern Educational Conference, which meets in Little Rock, April 6, 7, and 8, will have many representatives from North Carolina. Professor E. C. Brooks, of the department of education of Trinity College, is the State director of this conference. He has completed arrangements to carry about twenty delegates. The party will leave by special Pullman on the afternoon of April 4, and will join the South Carolina and Georgia parties at Atlanta on the morning of April 5. Each State will have a special Pullman, and the three parties coming together at Atlanta will go via Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway to Little Rock. The following from North Carolina will attend:  
Hon. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and president of the National Education Association; Professor L. C. Brogden, of Raleigh, inspector of primary work of the State; Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Stevens, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College; Clarence H. Poe, of the Progressive Farmer; Dr. R. H. Lewis, of the State Board of Health; Professor I. O. Schaub, director of Boys' Corn Clubs of the State; Dr. Charles F. Messer, of Shaw University; President D. H. Hill, of the Agricultural and Mechanical College; F. R. Arendell, of Wake Forest; Dr. J. B. Brantley, of St. Mary's College, Raleigh; W. A. Blair, of Winston, and Professor D. C. Brooks, of the department of education.

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